

sentencing practices for domestic violence offenders; study and determine how to implement a pro-arrest policy statewide; strengthen the accountability of batterers' intervention programs; encourage uniform crime reporting in North Carolina; and design and begin to implement a public awareness campaign on domestic violence. The Commission will work with the Office of State Personnel to strengthen the State's current policy on workplace violence by incorporating domestic violence issues into training and policies with a goal of eliminating the harmful effects of domestic violence from the state workplace.

Section 4. Commission Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least 6 times per year. Meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the North Carolina Open Meetings Law.

Section 5. Public Hearings

The Commission is authorized to hold public hearings on the specific issues under consideration by it, to visit facilities and agencies related to or involved in the specific issues under its consideration, and to receive input from citizens about these issues.

Section 6. Per Diem, Travel and Subsistence

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but, subject to availability of funds, shall be eligible for per diem, travel, and subsistence as provided by North Carolina rules, regulations, and General Statutes.

Section 7. Reporting Requirements

The Commission shall submit an annual report including administrative and legislative recommendations to the Governor.

Section 8. Staff Support

The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director who shall provide staff for the Commission through funds administered by the Department of Administration.

Section 9. Effective Date

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Governor.